

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 are pending in the present application.

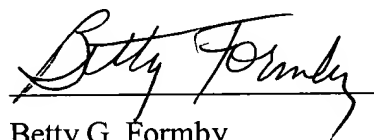
The only rejection presented in the office action of 5/03/2004 was a provisional double-patenting rejection over claims 1-48 of co-pending application 09/460,838. This rejection is traversed. However, a terminal rejection over the co-pending application is enclosed to avoid further argument. It is asserted that by this submission, all rejections are overcome.

It is noted that a supplemental information disclosure statement is filed simultaneously with this response.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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